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LABOR LEADERS CHARGED WITH CONTEMPT OF COURT

Alleged Violation of Injunction in the Buck Stove and Range Case to be Investigated.

Washington.—In the Buck Stove and Range case, Justice Sanderson of the district supreme court on Monday summoned Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, Secretary Frank Morrison of that organization, and John Mitchell of the executive council and former president of the United Mine Workers of America, to appear in court on September 8 next to show cause why they should not be punished for contempt of the court's injunction order.

The citation is based on a petition of the Buck Stove & Range company of St. Louis, which alleges that an order issued by Justice Gould forbidding a national boycott by the American Federation of Labor has been violated by the public utterances and addresses of the three labor leaders named.

TROUBLES FOR AN ARISTOCRAT.

Member of One of New York's Oldest Families Threatens Mother With Death

New York.—John Van Rensselaer, son of Mrs. John King Van Rensselaer, and a member of one of New York's oldest families, was taken into custody on Monday on a charge of attempted extortion. The arrest was made on advice from Chief of Police Crowley of Newport, R. I., who received a complaint from Mrs. Van Rensselaer that her son had written a letter threatening her with bodily harm unless she provided him with funds. Van Rensselaer is 34 years old and married. Van Rensselaer is connected with a local brokerage house and when he returned to his home Monday night he was placed under arrest by detectives, who produced the letter alleged to have been written by Van Rensselaer to his mother. The detectives and Lieutenant Mannion, before whom Van Rensselaer was brought in the police station, declared that the young man stated that he had written the letter.

RUSSIAN ADMIRAL DEAD.

Wounds Received in War With Japan Finally Prove Fatal.

Badnauhelm, Germany.—Vice Admiral Rojstevsky, who commanded the ill-fated Russian fleet which was annihilated by the Japanese in the Sea of Japan in May, 1905, died here Sunday night from heart trouble. It is believed that the heart affection resulted from injuries received by Admiral Rojstevsky in the battle of the Sea of Japan.

Sinovi Petrovitch Rojstevsky was about 60 years of age, and for many years bore the reputation of being one of the most cool-headed and scientific naval officers in the Russian service. He was Admiral Alexieff's second in command of the Russian squadron in the far east in the Russo-Japanese war.

Washes Hands in Brother's Blood and Swears Vengeance.

Flagstaff, Ariz.—As the result of a gun fight at Williams, a Mexican deputy sheriff named E. Dominguez was killed and two Mexican bystanders were wounded. James Duncan, a colored bartender at the Harvey house, is under arrest for murder. It is claimed Dominguez attempted to arrest Duncan in a saloon for a previous disturbance. The two injured will recover. Duncan is an ex-soldier who recently returned from the Philippine, and has borne a good character. The brother of the dead man washed his hands in his brother's blood and vowed vengeance on Duncan.

Modern Dick Turpin Uses Automobile to Commit Robberies.

Chicago.—Edward Fake, alias Stebbins, alleging himself to be the son of a rich San Francisco woman, and George Stafford of Louisville, Ky., were indicted on Monday as a consequence of spectacular robberies committed with the assistance of a large red automobile. The method of the two men was to drive up to the home selected for their depredation, compel themselves as familiar callers and then escape with whatever loot they had been able to gather.

Nail in Woman's Shoe Causes Explosion in Powder Factory.

Jersey City, N. J.—Mrs. Josephine Faho was fatally burned in the powder and fireworks factory of John Pippio, owing to a nail in her shoe striking a spark which ignited powder. Her husband is employed in the place, and after taking him his luncheon she was walking about the building. The burned powder set fire to her dress and before Faho could put out the flames she became unconscious.

A REMINDER OF FRONTIER LIFE

Two Heavily Armed Masked Men Hold up Stage Between Likely and Alturas, Nevada.

Large Sum of Gold Intended for Miners is Taken, But Highwaymen Refrained From Molesting the Passengers.

Reno, Nev.—News reached the Journal Tuesday night from Likely, Nev., that the Likely and Alturas stage was held up by two masked men, who were heavily armed. They compelled the Wells-Fargo messenger to throw down the box containing, it is believed, a large sum of gold for the payroll at Alturas. The passengers were not molested. No description of the bandits could be given, as it was dark, and after securing the box the bandits slunk into the woods. The sheriff at Alturas and a posse have started in pursuit.

HONDURAS LOSES RAILROAD.

Treasury Was Empty and Soldiers Had to be Paid.

Porto Cortez.—It now develops that the delay in moving troops to suppress the uprising at different points in Honduras was due to the fact that the treasury of the government was absolutely empty. The soldiers refused to march until money and provisions were furnished them, and in these desperate straits the government was forced to dispose of its most valuable piece of property, namely, the Honduras Inter-oceanic railroad.

W. S. Valentine had the railroad under lease for a number of years under a contract to extend it from ocean to ocean, a contract that was guaranteed by prominent New York capitalists. When the contract was not fulfilled, the property was turned over to the government in 1904. It is now understood that it has reverted to the same interests that controlled it prior to 1904.

DEPUTIES AND MINERS CLASH.

One Negro Killed and Two Officers Badly Injured.

Birmingham, Ala.—A clash between deputy sheriffs and negro miners in the Blue Grass region, twenty miles south of Birmingham, on the Birmingham mineral division of the Louisville & Nashville railway on Tuesday, resulting in one negro being shot and killed and two deputies seriously wounded. The deputies were guarding the hill overlooking the mining town until they saw armed negroes coming along the road. The deputies called to the negroes to stop, but they offered fight. Two of the negroes raised their guns with precision. The deputies appeared to pick out one man for aim and he was literally filled with lead.

Bad Men in Boston.

Boston.—Three men armed with heavy calibre revolvers, dashed into a crowded Jamaica Plains barroom ten minutes before closing time Tuesday night and, yelling "Hands up, hands up," began shooting up the place. When they had grabbed the money till and emptied it, had finished shooting and made their escape, one man was dead on the floor, another lay dying and a third was seriously injured. The saloon is situated at the corner of Washington and Boylston streets in Jamaica Plains, in a thickly settled part of the city.

Forty Injured in Collision.

Chicago.—Nearly forty persons were injured, some of them probably fatally, and eleven so seriously that they had to be taken to hospitals, in a head-on collision on Tuesday between two Aurora, Elgin & Chicago electric railroad cars at Lovedale station, four miles north of Aurora. The disaster occurred when the coaches were each running at a speed estimated at forty miles an hour. The crash when they came together was terrific. The air-brakes on both cars failed to work, and the cars came together on a curve.

Bishop Potter Sinks to Rest.

Cooperstown, N. Y.—Henry Codman Potter, seventh Protestant Episcopal bishop of the diocese of New York, died Tuesday night at the Fernleigh, his summer home here, after an illness of several weeks, aged 74 years. The bishop was unconscious all day, and the end, which came at 8:35 o'clock at night, was peaceful and quiet. Death was due primarily to embolism in the right leg, following a long attack of liver and stomach trouble, and the end had been foreseen for several days by the bishop's physician.

PROPOSED INCREASE OF FREIGHT RATES

Chairman Knapp Says Interstate Commerce Commission Has Not Been Advised of Any Change.

Washington.—The interstate commerce commission has thus far received no official information confirming the proposed increase of freight rates. If the rates made by the railroads are made the subject of complaint to the commission that body, of course, would investigate them. On its own initiative the commission probably would institute an inquiry into any general increase to ascertain whether the rates are reasonable and just, but any determination of such an issue would not be forecasted by the commission itself.

Chairman Knapp of the commission in an interview said: "Justification for increase in freight rates, if there is to be such an increase, may be found, if at all, only in the fact that the increased cost of operation and maintenance of railroads has reached a point where reasonable profit on money invested in them is not possible from the revenue they now receive. In determining whether rates are reasonable careful consideration is necessary of three factors—that good wages are paid railroad employees; that present transportation facilities be kept on a satisfactory standard, and that new facilities be provided to meet every increase in demand for them."

CORPORATION CONTRIBUTIONS.

Will Not Be Accepted by National Republican Committee, Says Taft.

Hot Springs, Ark.—"The national republican committee will accept no contributions from corporations," said Judge William H. Taft, presidential candidate of the republican party, on Saturday, and in an interview he also referred to labor, prohibition and other questions. Mr. Taft said that not only would the law of New York state, providing for the publicity of campaign contributions, be obeyed by the national republican committee, but the federal law prohibiting such contributions by corporations in connection with the election of president, vice-president, representatives or senators, would be obeyed without regard to any question of validity that might arise in respect to any provisions of that law. As to the right of a labor leader to attempt to influence the votes of members of the organization of which he is the head, Mr. Taft at first laughingly said that that was a question of propriety upon which he was not sufficiently informed to discuss. When asked as to his idea of the power of the leader of a labor organization to throw its vote to one party or another, he declared that, in his opinion, it could be predicted that there is no so-called class of the American electorate whose votes would be delivered by its leaders.

BRYAN TALKS TO TEACHERS.

Says Society Has Not Given the Producer His Equitable Reward.

Fairview, Lincoln, Neb.—Declaring that society has not given to the producer his equitable reward, and that the administration of the government should be changed to remedy this condition, William J. Bryan, from the lawn of his home, on Saturday delivered one of the most important utterances in the last several years. The occasion was the visit of several hundred teachers and students of the Fremont (Neb.) normal school. After shaking hands with the visitors, Mr. Bryan was introduced by Professor W. H. Clemmons, principal of the school.

Murderer Suicides Rather Than Face Mob.

Portland, Ore.—David Conell, chef at the Arlington club in this city, Sunday night shot to death Mrs. Dolly Sharp and a man whose name has not yet been learned. Conell was pursued to his own room, some fifteen or twenty squares distant, by a howling mob of several hundred men and boys. Once in his room, Conell turned the key in the face of his pursuers and before they forced their way in he blew his own brains out. The cause of the tragedy has not been ascertained.

Open House on Warships.

Honolulu.—The Atlantic battleship fleet kept open house on Saturday, and throngs of visitors crowded the decks of the big fighting machines from early morning until sunset. The launches from the fleet and the harbor boats were busy throughout the day bearing the guests of the fleet back and forth, and the foreign population of the city turned out in swarms to inspect the ships, Japanese, Chinese, Philippine islanders, Hawaiians, and many other nationalities being prominent in the crowds of sightseers.

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